

## DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members  
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting May 16, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:30p.m.

### I. Attendance:

*Commissioners Present:* Al Centone Suzanne Lewis, Frank Montagna,  
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp.

*Commissioners Absent:* Joe Capucci, Michael Pomichter.

*Staff Present :* Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation  
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works  
Carla Riccio, Secretary

### II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Al Centone made a motion to accept the March 21, 2011 minutes, seconded by Susan Puzycki.

### III. Correspondence:

*NHTV Vendor Fee Request:* Ms. Sadosky received a letter dated March 2, 2011 from Walter Mann, Executive Director of NHTV, indicating that in an effort to fund raise, NHTV will be a food vendor during all concerts at this year's summer concert series. They have requested that vendor fees be waived.

*North Haven Lacrosse Subsidy Request:* North Haven Lacrosse submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$5,500 for this season, a \$2,000 increase from last year.

These two items of correspondence are addressed under New Business.

### IV. Director's Report/ Old Business:

#### Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

The Annual Easter event took place on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time. Ms. Pettit gave special thanks to co-sponsor McDonald's on Washington Ave. Also thanks to Ellen Gomes and Toni Fazio from Calcagni Real Estate for volunteering for the 16<sup>th</sup> year as judges for the Easter Bonnet and Top Hat contests.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Once again, over 200 children preregistered for this event, and additional people registered on the day of the event. The event was very successful again, with perfect weather. Ms. Pettit gave special thanks to the following for sponsoring: McDonald's on Washington Ave., Dunkin Donuts of Washington Ave., Tom Villano, Dairy Queen of Whitney Ave., Double J Sound, Uncle B's Bait and Tackle, J. Roos,

Antonio's Sub Shop, River House Tavern, DJ's Comics and Cards, Public Works Union, Southern CT Tackle, Veolia Water, AT&T, Athena II Diner and Guilio's Pizza.

Summer registration has begun for both recreation and pool programs. Summer camps begin on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

The adult softball league has begun. There are 22 teams registered in the league. Leagues are on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays. The season will conclude at the end of July, weather permitting.

Pool hours are changing as of June 25<sup>th</sup> for the summer.

Pool and Recreation Center maintenance has been scheduled. The pool will be closed from August 13<sup>th</sup> to August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Recreation Center will be closed for programs and meetings from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The gym floor will be refinished on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

An update on the Pool roof: there have been roof leaks in the pool area in various spots over the years. The roof has been patched a number of times. At this point, it was reported by Ms. Pettit there are many areas seeing water every time it rains. Money was put in the Capital Budget for this year to make repairs. The Finance office, along with Rich Monico, Chairman of the Board of Finance, are working on the situation. The work should be starting soon.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

The Opening Day for Max Sinoway Baseball Club occurred on Saturday, May 7, 2011 and was very successful. Public Works continues with field preparations for Max Sinoway Baseball at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook Field, and Bailey Road fields. Various fields are needed through July 30, 2011.

Pond Hill Baptist Church held its annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Town Green on Saturday, April 30, 2011.

Public Works continue with field preparations for North Haven Lacrosse on the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation fields. Fields are needed through June 28, 2011.

Public Works continues with field preparations for North Haven Soccer Club on the Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields. Fields are needed through June 26, 2011.

Public Works commenced with the scheduling and field preparations for the Recreation Special Olympics for Green Acres field from June 15 through September 7, 2011.

Public Works continues with field preparations for Recreation Softball at the Gateway Complex and Grover Wyman fields. Fields are needed through September 15, 2011.

Public Works continues with field preparation for North Haven Girls' Softball Sundown League for Gateway Fields 2 – 7. Fields are needed through July 31.

The Annual Fishing Derby was scheduled for April 30, 2011 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street and was very successful.

The Annual May Market was scheduled by the North Haven Garden Club on the Town Green for May 7, 2011 and was very successful.

The Connecticut Tree Protective Association held its International Tree Climbing event on the Town Green on May 14, 2011. The event was very successful.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade has been confirmed for Saturday, May 28, 2011 along the Town Center/Town Green.

The North Haven High School Summer Concert has been confirmed for Tuesday, June 14, 2011 on the Town Green.

The Annual Summer Concert Series (9 concerts this year) is scheduled to start Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and continue each Tuesday evening through August 23, 2011. Vendor applications are received from May 16 through June 1, 2011.

Discussions continue regarding the placement of a Dog Park in the Town of North Haven and the possibility of using the rear of Grover Wyman Park. To date, the *Paws in the Park* volunteers have received the necessary signatures from surrounding neighbors in support of the project. The project will be presented to Planning and Zoning by the Public Works Department in June/July for a Section 8-24 approval. Ms. Sadosky reported that some Wetlands issues have arisen, which are currently being looked at. In addition, members of *Paws in the Park* are still in the process of obtaining signatures from neighbors showing support (60 out of 2500 have been obtained). Plans for the dog park have also been provided to the Town Attorney.

USAELITE Softball continues to work closely with the Town in regard to a college recruiting softball event for July 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This event will draw approximately 3,000 members of the public into North Haven for the 4-day event.

As of Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Temple Pine's Park Skate Park has been closed and ramps removed due to complaints, vandalism, and additional issues. In the last 6 months, Ms. Sadosky received several reports of injuries (broken arm, leg, wrist, finger). Presence of needles and other drug paraphernalia as well as condoms had been found on the grounds of this park, in addition to reports of other inappropriate behavior. Retaliation efforts from those who had frequented the skate park have already been reported, including graffiti written on the middle school, "Take our park, trash your town," as well as broken locks and fences where the skate park once stood. The Police have been alerted regarding this issue and have a heightened alert to the potential vandalism. Ms. Sadosky indicated that they are looking into the possibility of offering a subsidy to North Haven children who wish to go to the indoor skate park (however currently under construction). The DEP has approved the removal of the skate park but indicated that it must remain as a park. A year long plan is already in place to seed and remove some trees, as well as install bocce courts.

*Word of Faith Christian Center:* At the last meeting, under New Business, a letter from Word of Faith Christian Center requesting use of the Showmobile and "rental" of electricity from the Town for a free community event they are hosting on the Town Green on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Victor Palma researched whether the Showmobile had been allowed use by other towns or nonprofits in the past. Ms. Sadosky reported that Mr. Palma received confirmation that the Showmobile had in fact been allowed use by other towns and non-profits in the past (any for-profit organization would have to pay a user fee).

Susan Puzycki made a motion to allow use of the Showmobile, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

## V. New Business

*NHTV Vendor Fee Request:* Ms. Sadosky received a letter dated March 2, 2011 from Walter Mann, Executive Director of NHTV, indicating that in an effort to fund raise, NHTV will be a food vendor (splitting use of the vendor space with the North Haven Rotary) during all concerts at this year's summer concert series. NHTV will take 5 concerts with the intention of selling hot pretzels, and North Haven Rotary will take 4 concerts with the intention of selling hot dogs and hamburgers. As a fundraiser for their non-profit organization, NHTV requested that vendor fees be waived.

Susan Puzycki made a motion to waive the vendor fee for NHTV, seconded by Frank Montagna. All were in favor.

*Summer Concert Food Vendor Update:* Ms. Sadosky reported on food vendor application statuses for the summer concert series. Taste Buds has submitted this application to sell fried dough, North Haven Rotary (hot dogs, hamburgers) and NHTV (hot pretzels) have also picked up applications and will be submitting them this week along with their insurance certificates. Sauzo Café submitted their application to sell coffee and cappuccino. Both Joe's Ice Cream and Sweetheart Ice Cream have submitted their applications to sell ice cream, water and soda however Joe's Ice Cream is a North Haven based business and Sweetheart is a Hamden based business. The deadline for all applications is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Stamp has requested that Ms. Sadosky send the Commission a list of vendors once everything has been solidified.

*North Haven Lacrosse Subsidy Request:* North Haven Lacrosse submitted their application requesting funding in the amount of \$5,500 for this season, a \$2,000 increase from last year. The commission reviewed the application details including financials and discussed this request. The commission discussed that if this full amount were granted, it would only leave \$500 in the Sports League Subsidy (Recreation Budget account line) through June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thus, approximately six weeks remain for other sports leagues to come forward to request subsidies. In attempt to be fair to all sports leagues, as well as the anticipation of the potential of other subsidies coming in during this time, the commission discussed that they would only provide a minor increase at this time.

Suzanne Lewis made a motion to grant North Haven Lacrosse a subsidy of \$4,000 (a \$500 increase from last year) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor.

Mary Lou Stamp suggested that a letter be sent to all sports leagues at the beginning of July reminding them that due to budget constraints all subsidy requests would need to be in by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

*Wallingford resident call:* On a final note, Ms. Stamp mentioned a phone call from a Wallingford resident referred by her from Zoning Enforcement Officer Art Housman. As a frequenter of Sinoway's Pond to observe the ducks, she was angered to see a resident using a remote control boat to scare the wildlife. Ms. Stamp advised this woman to contact the Police if any issues such as this arises, however she did not believe the resident was breaking any laws or Town ordinances.

## VI. Public Participation.

One member of the public was in attendance.

VII. Adjournment:

Mary Lou Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Al Centone, seconded by Frank Montagna. The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19, 2011 at 5:30pm.